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Hollywood Performers To Present 'An Evening of Improv Comedy' April 12

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Four noted Hollywood performers will present an evening of improvisational comedy as a benefit for the Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department's theatre program at 7:30 p.m. April 12 in the Theatre on campus.

Guest performers Tim Bagley, Patrick Bristow, Michael Hitchcock and Mindy Sterling will share the stage with Cal Poly students and alumni. The show will be the product of improvisational workshops taught by the guest artists earlier that day.

Each performer has a long history with the acclaimed Los Angeles improvisational company The Groundlings. In addition, all of them have appeared in film and television and on stage.

Bagley has been a regular on television's "Will and Grace" and "Hidden Hills," as well as a guest star on such television shows as "ER," "Curb Your Enthusiasm" and "The X Files." His film credits include "Happy, Texas" and "Austin Powers 2."

Bristow is known for his recurring role on the groundbreaking ABC sitcom "Ellen." He has also appeared on "Seinfeld," "The Larry Sanders Show" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm." His film appearances include "Austin Powers" and "Twilight of the Gods."

Hitchcock, a regular on the new WB network comedy series "On the Spot," is a producer and writer for the Fox series "Mad TV." His film credits include "Best in Show," "Waiting for Guffman," and the upcoming "A Mighty Wind."

Sterling has appeared in "Ellen," "Just Shoot Me," "The Larry Sanders Show" and in all three Austin Powers movies as Frau Farbissino.

Tickets are \$10 for all students and \$25 for the public. For tickets, call Pamela Malkin at

756-6071. Tickets will also go on sale at 6:30 p.m. April 12 at the Cal Poly Theatre. All proceeds will be used to support future guest artists and the Theatre and Dance Department's FANS scholarship. FANS is the Friends and Network of Supporters of the Theatre Program.

This special event is sponsored by the Theatre and Dance Department and FANS.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: I will have a photo of one or more of the performers by Tuesday, April 2. If you'd like an electronic copy, please contact me at jilloyd@calpoly.edu or 756-1511.)

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